CRSC Overview

Combat-Related Special Compensation Division
Army Human Resources Command

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What is CRSC?

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- ✓ CRSC is a Congressionally mandated program providing compensation for all uniformed service retirees with “combat-related” injuries who have a 10-100% VA disability rating. CRSC began operation 1 June 2003 under the Army Human Resources Command (AHRC), by the United States Army Physical Disability Agency.

How does CRSC help retired veterans?

- ✓ Replaces the VA disability compensation that’s subtracted from retired pay
- ✓ Restores military retired pay with tax free monthly payments and is paid retroactively
- ✓ Recognizes veterans for their sacrifice to our country

Who is Eligible?

Must Have *ALL four*

AND

Must Have *at least one* "combat-related" VA Disability

1. Active, Reserve or medically retired with 20 years of creditable service
2. Have 10% or greater VA rated injury
3. Receiving military retired pay
4. Military retired pay is reduced by VA disability payments (VA Waiver)

1. Simulating War (SW)
2. Hazardous Service (HS)
3. Instrumentality of War (IN)
4. Armed Conflict (AC)

Service-Related vs. Combat-Related

- **Service-Related**

  Injury directly related to military service

  Example:

  – Hurt ***knee*** during Battalion run at Airborne School

- **Combat-Related Injury**

  Injury contributed to any of the following situations:

  Examples:

  – Simulating War - hurt ***knee*** while reacting to enemy fire during FTX
  – Hazardous Services - hurt ***knee*** on a night jump during SF school
  – Instrumentality of War - hit ***knee*** on rotating tank turret during FTX
  – Armed Conflict - shot in ***knee*** by enemy during Gulf War

CRSC vs. CRDP

- **CRSC (Combat-Related Special Compensation)**
- **CRDP (Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay)**

Example

2006	CRSC	CRDP
Full Concurrent Receipt	YES -Eff 2003/2004	NO – 10 yr phase in (*except **100%** ratings*)
VA Rating Starts At	10%	50%
Compensation	Retroactive	Not Retroactive
Taxable	TAX FREE	TAXED
Individual Unemployment (IU)	YES=100%**	3 yr phase (2009)
Survivor Benefit Plan	NONE	NONE
File Claims	Must Apply	Automatic
Qualified Injury	Combat-Linked	Service Connected

*Note: If receiving CRDP payments, will be subtracted from CRSC payments
**Note: claimants with 60%-90% VA ratings

CRSC In Action

FOR EXAMPLE

A veteran receives a total of $4,600 a month for military retired pay ($4,600 is paid through a VA Waiver)

Without CRSC

Military Retired Pay	$4,600
VA Offset	-$4,600
$4,600	
VA Pay	+$4,600
Total Pay	**=$4,600 Tax-Free**
Tax-Free	

With CRSC*

Military Retired Pay	$4,600
VA Offset	-
VA Pay	+$4,600
CRSC	+$4,600
Total Pay	**=$9,200**

*Not representative of all claims

What you need to know…

Top 2 Reasons CRSC Claims are Not Approved:

1. **The documentation provided does not tell *"HOW"* the injury occurred**
2. **The VA rating decision *"narrative summary"* was not provided**

Before submitting your claim determine…

Did I supply evidence that **verifies** ***"HOW"*** I got the injury?

How to Obtain Missing Documents

Step 1-	**Provide Doctor current diagnosis and medical documentation**
Step 2-	**Provide proof of assignment stating "Where/When" injured (i.e. Orders, Morning Reports, DA 2-1)**
Step 3-	**Provide a personal statement claiming "How" the injury occurred (direct cause vs. period of time)**
Step 4-	**Provide a "Buddy Statement" supporting your claim** **(if available)**
Step 5-	**Take the information you gathered to a local Military Treatment Facility (MTF) or VA Hospital**
Step 6-	**Get a medical consultation statement validating "HOW" your injury occurred (cannot use,"history of the soldier")**

NOTE: *The VA or MTF can accept documents that CRSC cannot.*

How to Obtain Missing Document

Personnel Documents:

National Personnel Records Center (NPRC-MPR)
9700 Page Avenue; St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel OR
Phone (314) 801-0800

National Archive Records Agency (NARA) Located in 18 States
http://www.archives.gov/research OR Phone (866) 272-6272

Hospital Documents:

Patient Administration Systems & Biostatistics Activity (PASBA), ATTN: Ms. Terri Amrhein, Analysis Branch, 1216 Stanley Road, Suite 25, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234 Phone (210) 295-8938

NOTE: PASBA Only verifies hospital stays in an Army hospital after January 1971 and is to be used only after requesting records from the National Personnel Records Center or the VA and those sources do not have the medical records.

How to Obtain Missing Documents

Presumptive Documents:

US Army and Joint Services Record Research Center, Kingman Building,
7701 Telegraph Road, Room 2C08, Alexandria, VA 22315-3828;
(703) 428-6801.

NOTE: Researches PTSD & Agent Orange exposure (and other herbicides). Veteran must provide complete information including name, SSN, unit designation, location, time period of 60-90 days.

Agent Orange Registry, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)
810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420
http://www1.va.gov/agentorange OR Phone (800) 827-1000

Gulf War Registry, Veterans Health Administration
810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420
www1.va.gov.gulfwar OR Phone (800) 749-8387

How to Submit a Claim

Step 1-	Review the CRSC Information Document, Claim Guide and Claim form on the CRSC web site
Step 2-	Review all of your VA rating decisions to see if they state -"HOW" you got the injury (see the document "Completing a Successful CRSC Claim" for assistance)
Step 3-	Determine if any decision states HOW the injury occurred
Step 4-	**If YES** to Step 3, complete the CRSC claim form or apply online at www.crsc.army.mil **If NO** to Step 3, then go though personnel and medical records to see if you can find any evidence to verify the claim (see the document "Completing a Successful CRSC Claim" for assistance)
Step 5-	Attach the required documentation and send completed claim form to: Department of the Army, ATTN: CRSC Division 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332

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How can you help others?

Become a CRSC Ambassador* to fellow veterans*!

- **Promote CRSC benefits as our representative**
- **Provide educational and claim assistance**
- **Access training and resources**

Sign up today at www.crsc.army.mil

***Click on* "Ambassadors"**

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How to Contact *US*

If you need more information on

CRSC

or to request a claim form

Website: www.crsc.army.mil

Email: crsc.info@us.army.mil

Call: 1-866-281-3254 (M-F 0800-1900 hrs EST)

Back up Information

Simulates War (SW)

Service-Related (SR)

Routine road marches

Physical fitness training

Confidence obstacle courses

Ranger Training (Battalion Run)

Combat-Related (CR)

Tactical road marches

Physical fitness training in a combat simulation

Combat obstacle courses

Ranger Training (Rappelling)

Must be contributed to "training for combat"

Hazardous Service (HS)

Service-Related (SR)

Military job related injuries not caused by a specific combat-related incident (i.e. Assigned infantry, artillery, engineers, etc.)

Linked to specific incident- not just being in the hazardous job

Combat-Related (CR)

Flight duty

Demolition duty

Parachute duty

Diving duty

Instrumentality of War (IN)

Service-Related (SR)

Military sedan in civilian vehicle accident

Repairing military vehicle in maintenance setting

Improper use of pyrotechnics

Off-post weapon incidents

Combat-Related (CR)

Routine auto accident in *unique* military vehicle

Tanks, armored vehicles, etc.

Ammunition and explosive devices

Lifting artillery round

Rappelling from military aircraft

Instrument must be used in military training

Actual Combat (AC)

Service-Related (SR)

Service-Related Injuries
combat zone, (i.e., Maintenance)

Sporting events / recreational activities in a hostile area

Diseases by Nature not considered Presumptive
(stress-related heart disease, high blood pressure, etc.
unless doctor indicates otherwise)

Combat-Related (CR)

Gunshot wound (PH)

Shell fragment wounds (PH)

Aircraft shot down

Terrorist bomb

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

Prisoner of War (POW >30 days)

Occurred in combat zone

Presumptive Diseases

Service-Related (SR)

Conditions outside the pre-approved VA presumptive list

Diseases *by Nature* are not considered Presumptive for a combat zone *(stress-related heart disease, high blood pressure, etc. unless doctor indicates otherwise)*

Combat-Related (CR)

Agent Orange (AO) (Vietnam)

Undiagnosed Illness – (GW) (Gulf War Syndrome)

Radiation Exposure (RE)

Mustard Gas or Lewisite (MG)

Prisoner of War (POW)

For more about presumptive diseases call your local VA or visit www1.va.gov/environagents

Did You Also Know?

- **VA Ratings specifying WWII, Korea, RVN, Gulf War Era do not determine Combat-Related decisions***
- **We do not have access to any of your records**
- **You must supply all evidence to verify your claim**
- **DoD guidelines do not allow Personal or [illegible]tements**

SO now ask yourself…..

[illegible]upply evidence that verifies

***"HOW" I got the injury?**

Evidence to Verify Claim

ALL Available Full VA Rating Decisions

EXAMPLE

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Department of Veterans Affairs
345 Perry Hill Road
Montgomery, AL
36109-3798

JOHN A. DOE

VA File Number
C 28 321 555

Represented By:
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rating Decision
April 20, 2005

INTRODUCTION

The records reflect that you are a veteran of the Vietnam Era and Peacetime. You served in the Army from February 1, 1967 to November 1, 1987. You filed a claim for increase that was received on July 19, 2004. The following decisions were made based on a review of the evidence listed below.

DECISION

1. Evaluation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (previously shown under DC 6603), which is currently 10 percent disabling, is increased to 30 percent effective July 19, 2004.

2. Service connection for diabetes mellitus type II associated with herbicide exposure is granted with a 20 percent evaluation effective July 19, 2004.

How to Obtain

Call the VA Regional Office at:

1-800-827-1000

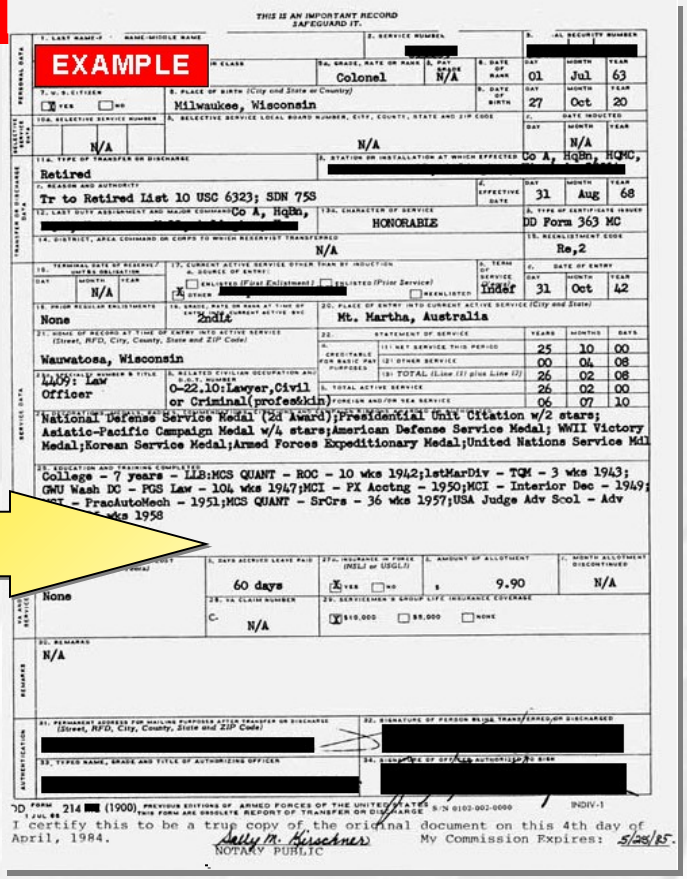
Call the National Personnel Records Center at:

1-866-272-6272

Submit written requests with date and signature to:

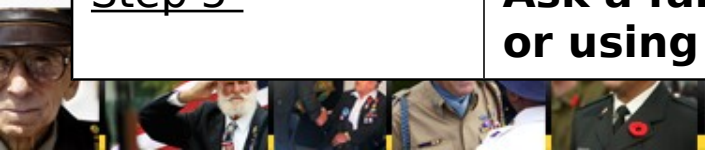
National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

ALL Available DD214s & DD215s



How to Obtain Assistance

Step 1-	**Contact one of the following organizations for assistance:** –County VA Offices www.nasdva.com –Veterans of Foreign War Organization www.vfw.org –American Legion www.legion.org –Non Commissioned Officers Association www.ncoausa.org –Disabled American Veterans www.dav.org –Military Order of the Purple Heart www.purpleheart.org –Local Retirement Services Office www.armyg1.mil/rso.rso.ap
Step 2-	**Call information (411) to contact the point of contact in your local area**
Step 3-	**Visit the Army Community Services (ACS) at your local military installation**
Step 4-	**Visit your local library or community center to access VSO websites**
Step 5-	**Ask a family member to assist you in contacting a VSO or using the Internet**



How you can help others

Tell a Soldier and their family about TSGLI

Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (TSGLI) provides short-term financial assistance to seriously injured Soldiers and their families

- Included in SGLI coverage for current, future Soldiers—effective 1 December 2005
- Retroactive coverage for Soldiers traumatically injured between 7 October, 2001 and 30 November 2005
- Applies to Soldiers from all components—Active, Guard and Reserve

For more information, visit www.tsgli.army.mil